

## **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 1 TRANSPORTATION**

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Washington State Department of Transportation

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Washington State Department of Community, Trade and  
Economic Development, Energy Policy  
Washington State Office of Financial Management  
Washington State Department of General Administration  
Washington State Military Department  
Emergency Management Division  
National Guard  
Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission  
Washington State Patrol  
Washington State Public Ports  
Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission  
U.S. Department of Transportation, Regional Emergency  
Transportation Coordinating Office  
Private Rail Carriers  
Public Transit Authorities

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

#### **A. Purpose**

The purpose of this Emergency Support Function (ESF) is to provide for the coordination of all transportation missions.

#### **B. Scope**

The provision of state transportation support includes:

1. Coordinating transportation activities to supplement the efforts of state agencies and local jurisdictions.
2. Establishing the priority and/or allocation of transportation resources, processing of all transportation requests, managing air and marine traffic, determining the priority of highway repair, conducting damage assessment, and appropriate emergency management coordination with state agencies, local jurisdictions, neighboring states, and provinces.

### **II. POLICIES**

State transportation planning will be directed towards satisfying two operational demands. The first is to ensure the integrity of the state's transportation system. The second is to coordinate and provide transportation assistance to local jurisdictions and state agencies, upon their requests.

### **III. SITUATION**

#### **A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards**

A significant disaster will severely damage the transportation infrastructure. Most localized transportation systems and activities will be hampered by the damaged transportation infrastructure and disrupted communications.

#### **B. Planning Assumptions**

1. The area/regional transportation infrastructure will most likely sustain damage. The damage, dependent upon the integrity of the transportation network, will determine the effectiveness and efficiency of the response and recovery efforts.
2. Disaster response and recovery activities, which require the use of the transportation system, may be complicated.
3. Gradual clearing of access routes will permit a sustained flow of emergency relief efforts.
4. The immediate use of the transportation system for response and recovery activities will most likely exceed the capabilities of local jurisdictions and the state, thus requiring assistance from the federal government to supplement efforts.

### **IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

#### **A. General**

1. In accordance with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), Basic Plan and this ESF, the state Department of Transportation (WSDOT) is responsible for coordinating transportation activities. The Emergency Operating Procedures (EOPs) established in the WSDOT Disaster Plan provide the framework for carrying out these activities.
2. Requests for assistance will be generated one of two ways. The request will be forwarded to the state EOC, or the request will be forwarded from one of the WSDOT Emergency Operations Centers and forwarded to the WSDOT Olympia Service Center Emergency Operation Center. In either case, coordination between WSDOT and the state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is essential.
3. When transportation requests exceed the capability of the state, and with the approval of the Governor, the WSDOT will coordinate transportation activities with the primary agency of responsibility for the Federal Response Plan (FRP) ESF 1, Transportation.

**B. Organization**

The WSDOT Field Operations Support Service Center (FOSSC, Olympia) is responsible for the coordination of WSDOT emergency management activities. The six regional offices located in Seattle, Spokane, Tumwater, Vancouver, Wenatchee, and Yakima are responsible for transportation field operations within their respective regions. The WSDOT, Aviation Division Seattle is responsible for all air transportation activities throughout the state. The WSDOT, Ferry Division Seattle, is responsible for all marine transportation activities in inland marine waters. In a disaster, the WSDOT Public Transportation and Rail Division is responsible for coordinating public transit and rail activities.

**C. Procedures**

As prescribed in the WSDOT Disaster Plan.

**D. Mitigation Activities**

1. Primary Agency

**Washington State Department of Transportation**

Ensures deployed personnel are briefed on the known hazards and mission assignments.

2. Support Agency

**Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division**

- a. Provides the *Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment* (HIVA) to state agencies.
- b. Provides information about hazards that may influence siting of WSDOT facilities and deployment of resources.

**E. Preparedness Activities**

1. Primary Agency

**Washington State Department of Transportation**

- a. Develops and maintains the department's Disaster Plan, procedures, and checklists in support of the state CEMP.
- b. Coordinates and maintains a method of identifying available transportation resources with supporting state agencies, federal government, and private organizations as the federal government liaison coordinator for ESF 1.

- c. Develops, in coordination with the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division (EMD), an inventory of transportation resources.
- d. Maintains liaison with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT).

**2. Support Agency**

**Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division**

- a. Coordinates with WSDOT to ensure operational readiness.
- b. Maintains the state EOC in a state of readiness and ensures the EOPs are current.
- c. Coordinates with WSDOT in identifying available transportation capabilities.
- d. Maintains liaison with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**F. Response Activities**

**1. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Department of Transportation**

- a. Staffs the state EOC for coordinating transportation related missions.
- b. Coordinates transportation related missions in support of the state CEMP.
- c. Determines the usable portion of the state transportation system and coordinate and control emergency highway traffic regulations in conjunction with the Washington State Patrol (WSP), state Military Department, and the Federal Highway Administration.
- d. Coordinates the mobilization of personnel and equipment required for engineering services as related to the state transportation system.
- e. Maintains liaison with the Washington State Chapter of the Association of General Contractors, the Association of General Contractors of America, and construction and equipment rental companies.
- f. Conducts aerial reconnaissance and photographic missions, as requested, provided resources are available.

- g. Provides communications resources in support of statewide operational requirements in accordance with ESF 2, Telecommunications/Information Systems and Warning, provided resources are available.
- h. Provides graphics and editorial support to the Office of the Governor, state EMD, state EOC, or the lead state response agency, in addition to the graphic and editorial work done within the WSDOT, Office of Communications and Public Involvement, during response and recovery activities.
- i. Provides public information office support to the Office of the Governor, state EMD, state EOC, or the lead state response agency, in addition to the graphics and editorial work done through the WSDOT, Office of Communications and Public Involvement, during response and recovery activities.
- j. Coordinates requests for assistance with the USDOT Regional Emergency Transportation Coordinating Officer (RETCO) to provide support in accordance with the Federal Response Plan (FRP).

## **2. Support Agency**

### **a. Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division**

- (1) Activates the state EOC, disseminate warnings, and activates the Emergency Alert System (EAS), as necessary.
- (2) Notifies the WSDOT of the potential need for transportation support.

### **b. Washington State Military Department, National Guard**

- (1) Provides air and surface transportation support, as available.
- (2) Provides air traffic control support, as available.
- (3) Provides support in accordance with ESF 20 Military Support to Civil Authorities.

**F. Recovery Activities**

**1. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Department of Transportation**

- a. Coordinates the reconstruction and repairs of the state transportation system, including the designation of alternate modal routes in coordination with public and private agencies.
- b. Conducts damage assessment of the state's transportation system and facilities, as a member of the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) Team.
- c. Conducts damage assessment of non-state transportation systems and facilities, as a member of the PDA Team.
- d. Conducts inspections of the state's transportation system and facilities, and of non-state transportation systems and facilities, as a member of the Project Worksheet (PW) Team.
- e. Coordinates with the USDOT to provide support in accordance with the FRP.

**2. Support Agency**

**Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division**

Coordinates recovery activities with the WSDOT.

**V. RESPONSIBILITIES**

**A. Primary Agency**

**Washington State Department of Transportation**

- 1. Coordinates transportation emergency management activities in support of the state CEMP.
- 2. Develops and maintains the WSDOT Disaster Plan in support of the state CEMP.
- 3. Primary Agency for the conduct of damage assessment on all state transportation systems.

**B. Support Agencies****1. Washington State Community, Trade and Economic Development**

Assists in providing information such as supply levels and availability of petroleum products, transportation issues related to energy and utility restoration, and updates on river flow management affecting transportation and other infrastructure, to the WSDOT, as available.

**2. Washington State Office of Financial Management**

- a. Coordinates with other state agencies for facilities inventory information.
- b. Coordinates state disaster funding obligations and requests, and prioritizes costs from appropriate funding sources.

**3. Washington State Department of General Administration**

Supports the WSDOT by providing available resources.

**4. Washington State Military Department**

Supports the WSDOT by providing available resources.

**5. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission**

Supports the WSDOT by providing available resources.

**6. Washington State Patrol**

- a. Coordinates statewide emergency traffic control pursuant to emergency highway traffic regulations.
- b. Coordinates the use of available law enforcement resources to assist with special emergency or disaster requirements.

**7. Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Supports the WSDOT by coordinating school buses for the movement of people.

**8. Washington State Public Ports**

Provides loading, off-loading, and staging assistance, if resources are available, to support the WSDOT mission of coordinating all transportation requests, in support of the state's effort to repair or restore the transportation systems which are a vital link to the response and recovery efforts of the local jurisdictions. This commitment does not deter from the relationship or agreements the public ports have with local jurisdictions.

**9. Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission**

Supports the WSDOT by providing available resources.

**10. U.S. Department of Transportation**

Coordinates requests for federal transportation assistance in accordance with the FRP, to support the WSDOT.

**11. Private Rail Carriers**

Supports the WSDOT for all transportation related missions, provided resources are available

**12. Public Transit Authorities**

Provides the WSDOT with the use of available equipment and personnel resources to assist, as requested, with emergency or disaster requirements.

**VI. REFERENCES**

Washington State Department of Transportation Disaster Plan.

**VII. APPENDIX**

Appendix 1, Procedures for the Movement of Over-Legal Vehicles/Loads in Emergency Conditions. (DOT Form 560-021 EF)